

Lakes due to failing wastewater systems. This threatens human health and compromises the environmental integrity of these precious water bodies. This legislation authorizes \$750 million over five years for the Great Lakes Legacy Act, which supports projects to restore and protect the water quality of the Great Lakes.

Water is a scarce, precious resource and we must use it with great care. By passing the Water Quality Investment Act, Congress is working to ensure that our water can remain clean and safe for generations to come. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this important legislation.

CELEBRATION OF WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH AND THE NETWORK JOURNAL'S ELEVENTH ANNUAL 2009 TWENTY-FIVE INFLUENTIAL BLACK WOMEN IN BUSINESS HONOREES

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 16, 2009

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in celebration of Women's History Month and The Network Journal's Eleventh Annual 2009 Twenty-Five Influential Black Women In Business Honorees. Since 1998, The Network Journal has recognized the outstanding performance of 25 African-American women in the public, private, entrepreneurial and non-profit sectors throughout this nation and their impact to the world economy.

The Network Journal is a monthly business magazine with more than 88,000 readers. The publication is distributed nationwide with a focus on the Tri-state area (NY/NJ/CT) and features business articles of interest such as finance, technology, industry focus and ideas for Black professionals and small business owners. Aziz Gueye Adetimirin, Publisher of The Network Journal Magazine stated, "The women we are honoring this year are in the forefront of American leadership and symbolize the diversity and advancement that has occurred across industry lines." Founded in 1993, The Network Journal (TNJ) knows that Black professionals, more than most, recognize the importance of owning their own enterprises, but more importantly, TNJ knows that there is a difference between direct ownership and someone else defining your future. TNJ is also aware that Black professionals and entrepreneurs can chart their own course and own their success.

I am pleased to recognize TNJ's 2009 Twenty-Five Influential Black Women In Business Honorees: Abenaa Abboa-Offei, Senior Vice President, Customer and Community Connections Affinity Health Plan, New York City; Kelly Chapman, Director, Diversity Recruiting, Microsoft Corp., Cleveland; Amina Dickerson, Senior Director, Global Community Involvement Kraft Foods, Chicago; Joi Gordon Esq. Chief Executive Officer Dress for Success Worldwide, New York City; Brenda P. Grant, Infection Preventionist, Stamford Hospital, Stamford, Connecticut; Cecelia "Ci Ci" Holloway, Managing Director, Diversity and Inclusion for the Americas UBS Investment Bank, Stamford, Connecticut; Michele Hoskins, Michele Foods Inc. South Holland, Illinois; Gayle S. Lanier, Vice President and

General Manager, Nortel Knowledge Services Nortel Networks, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina; Ellin LaVar, Owner, LaVar Hair Designs, New York City; Sibongile Magubane, Head of Finance Sports Cars, General Motors Corp., Detroit; Lillian Roberts, Executive Director, District Council 37, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, New York City; Teresa Wynn Roseborough Esq., Senior Chief Litigation Counsel, MetLife Inc., New York City; Sandra Scott Esq., Vice President of Legal Affairs, Home Box Office Inc., New York City; Gerri Warren-Merrick, President Warren, Merrick Communications, New York City; Elizabeth Williams, President and CEO, Roxbury Technology Corp., Jamaica Plain, Mass.; Karen Williams, Associate Publisher, Marketing, Essence Magazine, New York City; Rebecca Williams, Senior Vice President, Executive Creative Officer, Uniworld Group Inc., New York City; and Brenda Williams-Butts, Director of Community Engagement & Audience Development, WNYC Radio, New York City.

The Network Journal has been recognized by government agencies, premier media outlets and business and professional organizations. TNJ has received the "Outstanding Commitment and Positive Contribution to the MBE Community" from the U.S. Department of Commerce Minority Business Development Agency, and has been featured on CNN and FOX Television networks.

**HONORING PAUL QUINN
COLLEGE'S 137TH ANNIVERSARY**

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 16, 2009

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Paul Quinn College and this institution's Founder's Observance of 2009 entitled 137 Years of Combining Intellect with Faith.

Paul Quinn College is a historically black college and holds the distinction of being the oldest such institution in the State of Texas. On April 4, 1872, a small group of African Methodist Episcopal circuit-riding preachers established the college under the leadership of Bishop J. M. Brown in Austin, Texas. Originally, Paul Quinn College helped newly freed slaves learn various skills including blacksmithing, carpentry, tanning and saddle work.

A few short years after its founding, the college moved to Waco, Texas where increased funds allowed the school to expand in size and further develop a curriculum. The subjects of Latin, mathematics, music, theology, English, carpentry, sewing, household, kitchen and dining room work were added. In 1881, the college was chartered by the State of Texas and the school officially took the name of Paul Quinn College. This name was chosen in honor of Bishop William Paul Quinn who served as a Bishop representing the western states in the African Methodist Episcopal Church for over thirty years.

Today Paul Quinn College stands as a legacy to the hard work and dedication of the institution's founders, teachers, alumni, and students. On the week of March 28 through April 4, the college will be holding various Founder's Observances to commemorate the birth

and 137 years of the school's history. I ask my fellow colleagues to join me in honoring Paul Quinn College and recognizing this institution's accomplishments.

**RECOGNIZING HELENE MCGLYNN
AS THE 2008-2009 HURLBURT AFA
CHAPTER ELEMENTARY AND
OVERALL TEACHER OF THE
YEAR**

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 16, 2009

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Helene "De De" McGlynn, who has received the Hurlburt Air Force Association Chapter 398 Teacher of the Year Award for the 2008-2009 school year. Her passion and dedication show that teachers can truly make a difference in the lives of their students, and I am proud to honor such an admirable leader of our local community.

Ms. McGlynn teaches fifth grade at Florosa Elementary School in Mary Esther, Florida. Her classes span the width of the education spectrum, from a gifted and advanced math class to a science and reading class for lower performing students. She provides a differentiated curriculum to her pupils by integrating math, science, and reading skills to all academic levels. By using hands-on experiments, creative discussions, and real-world problem solving, Ms. McGlynn inspires a passion for learning to all. Her unwavering goal is to instill a thirst for knowledge in her students by crafting a relevant, modern program for classroom success.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I would like to thank Ms. McGlynn for her public service to the students of Northwest Florida. Vicki and I wish her and her family best wishes for continued success.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DEAN HELLER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 16, 2009

Mr. HELLER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009.

Requesting Member: Congressman DEAN HELLER

Bill Number: HR 1105

Account: Dept of Agriculture—SRG

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Nevada-Reno

Address of Requesting Entity: 1664 N. Virginia St., Reno, NV 89557-0208

Description of Request: Funding would be used to address critical rangeland issues as they affect the health and productivity of land, forage for wildlife and domestic livestock, protection of endangered species, wildfires and invasive species. Science-based solutions to reduce wildfires, improve forage production, and protect wildlife species are critical needs. Funds requested will pay for scientific projects approved by the Experiment Station after peer-review.

Requesting Member: Congressman DEAN HELLER

Bill Number: HR 1105

Account: Dept of Agriculture—Conservation Operations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Carson City, Nevada

Address of Requesting Entity: 201 North Carson Street, Carson City, NV 89701

Description of Request: Funding will be used by the city to continue fire restoration following the Waterfall wildfire.

Requesting Member: Congressman DEAN HELLER

Bill Number: HR 1105

Account: DOJ—COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Washoe County Sheriff's Department

Address of Requesting Entity: 911 Parr Boulevard, Reno NV 89512

Description of Request: Funding will be used to improve DNA processing technology at the sheriff's office, which serves most of northern Nevada. The bulk of the funds would specifically help with the creation of a DNA database laboratory, in addition to purchasing equipment.

Requesting Member: Congressman DEAN HELLER

Bill Number: HR 1105

Account: DOJ—COPS meth

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Partnership Carson City Anti-Meth Coalition

Address of Requesting Entity: 201 North Carson Street, Carson City, NV 89701

Description of Request: Funding will be used to combat methamphetamine in the Carson City area, which is one of the top crime and narcotics issues facing the state. Carson City has developed a model program that combines law enforcement, public awareness, drug treatment and counseling programs to eradicate meth use in the local community. The requested funding will build on significant past efforts and ultimately lead to the reduction of meth use in the local community and related criminal activity.

Requesting Member: Congressman DEAN HELLER

Bill Number: HR 1105

Account: DOJ—COPS Meth

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Secret Witness

Address of Requesting Entity: Secret Witness Program at PO Box 20991, Reno, Nevada 89515

Description of Request: Secret Witness is a non-profit organization (501 (c) (3)) that has been active in northern Nevada for more than 30 years. Secret Witness will expand its efforts into Phase II, and will include an assessment of its program upon completion to determine the impact of the information.

Requesting Member: Congressman DEAN HELLER

Bill Number: HR 1105

Account: DOJ—OJP—Juvenile Assistance

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges

Address of Requesting Entity: 1041 North Virginia Street, Third Floor, Reno, Nevada 89503

Description of Request: The National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ), the nation's premier judicial education organization, has been providing critical education to members of this nation's judiciary

for decades. Located on the University of Nevada, Reno campus, its long and outstanding reputation for providing cutting-edge training for judges and other system professionals in areas related to court practice is nationally recognized. The National Council uses these Federal dollars to provide training to judges nationwide on child abuse and neglect, juvenile delinquency, divorce, custody and visitation, substance abuse, and mental health and educational needs of children, among other topics.

Requesting Member: Congressman DEAN HELLER

Bill Number: HR 1105

Account: Corps of Engineers—Investigations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Truckee River Flood Project

Address of Requesting Entity: 9390 Gateway Drive, Ste. 230, Reno, NV 89521

Description of Request: The Truckee Meadows, Nevada project is a multi-purpose project that will provide flood damage reduction, ecosystem restoration and recreation along the Truckee River from Reno to Pyramid Lake.

Requesting Member: Congressman DEAN HELLER

Bill Number: HR 1105

Account: Corps of Engineers—Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: no entity—program request spent by Corps

Address of Requesting Entity:

Description of Request: The Rural Nevada program was designed to benefit small communities and to provide assistance for construction of water supply, wastewater treatment, environmental restoration and surface water protection projects. The difficulty in meeting water supply needs in Nevada has only been exacerbated by the tremendous growth Nevada has experienced. The Rural Nevada Program was authorized in a prior Water Resources Development Act and splits the project costs with the federal government 75% federal share/25% local share.

Requesting Member: Congressman DEAN HELLER

Bill Number: HR 1105

Account: DOE—EERE

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Desert Research Institute

Address of Requesting Entity: 2215 Raggio Parkway, Reno, NV 89512

Description of Request: A Renewable Energy Center (REC) will serve as the physical and programmatic focal point for all of Desert Research Institute (DRI) research, development, demonstration, and deployment (RDD&D) work in the area of renewable energy. DRI has proven strengths in wind and hydrogen research, with significant potential to expand its renewable-energy activities into areas such as biomass and biofuels.

Requesting Member: Congressman DEAN HELLER

Bill Number: HR 1105

Account: Small Business Administration

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Western Nevada Development District

Address of Requesting Entity: 704 West Nye Lane, Ste 201, Carson City, Nevada 89703

Description of Request: WNDD is a multi-county development organization that promotes job creation and growth among mostly small businesses. Funds will promote job creation in northern Nevada.

Requesting Member: Congressman DEAN HELLER

Bill Number: HR 1105

Account: EPA—Science and Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: American Water Works Research Foundation

Address of Requesting Entity: 6666 W. Quincy Avenue, Denver, Colorado 80235

Description of Request: Funding would be used to continue research into cost-effective technologies for water quality that will benefit consumers, as the primary purpose of the research is to enable water utilities to practically address and manage challenges to water supply and to be directly involved in the deployment of new technologies.

Requesting Member: Congressman DEAN HELLER

Bill Number: HR 1105

Account: EPA—STAG

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Henderson, NV

Address of Requesting Entity: 240 Water Street, Henderson, NV 89009

Description of Request: Funding would be used for construction of the Southwest Wastewater Treatment Plant/Southwest Water Reclamation Facility.

Requesting Member: Congressman DEAN HELLER

Bill Number: HR 1105

Account: EPA—STAG

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Reno, NV

Address of Requesting Entity: 1 E 1st Street, Reno, NV 89501

Description of Request: Funding would be used to convert septic systems to sewer systems, in order to help promote health and safety of residents.

Requesting Member: Congressman DEAN HELLER

Bill Number: HR 1105

Account: HHS—HRSA

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Carson/Tahoe Regional Healthcare/CTRH Dayton Hospital

Address of Requesting Entity: 1600 Medical Parkway, Carson City, Nevada 89703

Description of Request: Funding would be used to provide Emergency Medical Services Equipment for the hospital, which serves a large and fast-growing region.

Requesting Member: Congressman DEAN HELLER

Bill Number: HR 1105

Account: HHS—HRSA

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Pershing County General Hospital and Nursing Home

Address of Requesting Entity: PO Box 661, Lovelock, Nevada 89419

Description of Request: Funding would be used for the purchase of equipment, specifically a mammography machine.

Requesting Member: Congressman DEAN HELLER

Bill Number: HR 1105

Account: HHS—HRSA

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: St. Mary's Regional Medical Center

Address of Requesting Entity: 235 West Sixth Street, Reno, Nevada 89503

Description of Request: Funding will be used to expand and renovate the existing, outdated emergency unit.

Requesting Member: Congressman DEAN HELLER

Bill Number: HR 1105

Account: HHS—HRSA

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Center for Molecular Medicine/Institute for Neuro-Immune Disease at Pennington Medical Building

Address of Requesting Entity: Mail Stop 0332, Reno, Nevada 89557

Description of Request: Funding will be used for construction and equipment for the Institute clinical and research facility.

Requesting Member: Congressman DEAN HELLER

Bill Number: HR 1105

Account: DOT—Buses and Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Regional Transportation Commission of Washoe County, Nevada.

Address of Requesting Entity: 2050 Villanova Drive, Reno, NV 89520

Description of Request: Funding would be used to complete the replacement intermodal transportation facilities in downtown Sparks and Reno that are currently operating over capacity.

Requesting Member: Congressman DEAN HELLER

Bill Number: HR 1105

Account: DOT—Interstate Maintenance Discretionary

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Regional Transportation Commission of Washoe County, NV

Address of Requesting Entity: 2050 Villanova Drive, Reno, NV 89520

Description of Request: Funding will be used to mitigate severe current and future traffic congestion occurring on I-580/US 395 and the adjacent surface arterials in the primary commercial retail district for the Reno/Sparks metropolitan area.

Requesting Member: Congressman DEAN HELLER

Bill Number: HR 1105

Account: DOT — Transportation, Community, and System Presentation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Reno, NV

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 1900, Reno, NV 89505

Description of Request: Funding would be used for continuing the revitalization and enhancement of the downtown rail access corridor.

Requesting Member: Congressman DEAN HELLER

Bill Number: HR 1105

Account: HUD—Economic Development Initiatives

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Fernley, NV

Address of Requesting Entity: 595 Silver Lace Blvd., Fernley, NV 89408

Description of Request: Funding will be used for the redevelopment and enhancement of an historically significant downtown corridor to attract business and generate jobs, largely in response to destruction from a recent flood.

Requesting Member: Congressman DEAN HELLER

Bill Number: HR 1105

Account: HUD—Economic Development Initiatives

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Wells, NV

Address of Requesting Entity: 1279 Clover Avenue, P.O. Box. 366, Wells, Nevada 89835

Description of Request: Funding will be used for streetscaping and construction of an indoor recreation facility, largely in response to destruction caused by a recent earthquake.

STRONG OPPOSITION TO THE FDIC'S SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ON COMMUNITY BANKS AND THE NEGATIVE IMPACT IT WILL HAVE ON THESE INSTITUTIONS, THE COMMUNITIES THEY SERVE, SMALL BUSINESSES, COMMUNITY-BASED GROUPS, FAITH-BASED GROUPS, AND CESAR CHAVEZ GROUPS

HON. RUBÉN HINOJOSA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 16, 2009

Mr. HINOJOSA. Madam Speaker, over the years, Texas community banks have provided the loans and services to small businesses and others, which have helped me help my district. Together, the community banks, the credit unions, the chambers of commerce, the mayors, the Texas Senate and House, the Public Housing Authorities, the CDCs, and many more in the Rio Grande Valley helped me reduce the unemployment rate in my district from 23 percent when I first arrived in Congress all the way down to 6 percent, which has increased to 9 percent in January 2009.

I want to impress upon you the need for all of us on this Committee, the House of Representatives, the Congress in general and the Executive branch to keep in mind the importance of community banks. It is a small—but vital—sector in the overall health of our economy. Community banks foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, and help increase individual savings, which is of particular importance to me as Co-Founder and Co-Chair of the Financial and Economic Literacy Caucus.

While community banks are not the cause of the current crisis, they are feeling its effects. Commercial banks and savings institutions insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) reported a net loss of \$26.2 billion in the fourth quarter of 2008.

However, more than two-thirds of all insured institutions were profitable in the fourth quarter of 2008, including community banks. “Unfortunately, their earnings were outweighed by large losses at a number of big banks”, as stated by the FDIC in their Quarterly Banking Report.

Total deposits increased by \$307.9 billion (3.5 percent), the largest percentage increase in 10 years, with deposits in domestic offices registering a \$274.1 billion (3.8 percent) increase. And at year-end, nearly 98 percent of all insured institutions, representing almost 99 percent of industry assets, met or exceeded the highest regulatory capital standards.

I agree with a statement made by Chairman Sheila Bair that, and I quote, “public confidence in the banking system and deposit insurance is demonstrated by the increase in domestic deposits during the fourth quarter. Clearly, people see an FDIC-insured account as a safe haven for their money in difficult times.”

Higher level of losses for actual and anticipated failures caused the FDIC Deposit Insurance Fund balance to decline during the fourth quarter of 2008 by \$16 billion, to \$19 billion (unaudited) at December 31. In addition to having \$19 billion available in the fund, \$22 billion has been set aside for estimated losses

on failures anticipated in 2009. The fund reserve ratio declined from 0.76 percent at September 30, 2008, to 0.40 percent in the last quarter of 2008. The statutory “targeted” reserve ratio for the FDIC fund is 1.15 percent.

When the FDIC Board recently met to address DIF’s fund reserve ratio, they decided to increase deposit insurance assessment rates beginning in the second quarter of 2009 and to consider adopting enhancements to the risk-based premium system.

I must admit that I was surprised and concerned when I read the FDIC’s press release announcing that the FDIC Board adopted an interim rule to impose a 20 basis point “emergency special assessment” on the industry on June 30, 2009. The assessment is to be collected on September 30, 2009. The interim rule would also permit the Board to impose an additional emergency special assessment after June 30, 2009, of up to 10 basis points if they deem it necessary to maintain public confidence in federal deposit insurance.

The FDIC merged the Bank Insurance Fund (BIF) and the Savings Association Insurance Fund (SAW) to form the Deposit Insurance Fund (DIE) on March 31, 2006 in accordance with the Federal Deposit Insurance Reform Act of 2005. As a result of the merger of the BIF and SAW, all insured institutions are subject to the same assessment rate schedule, but not necessarily the same assessment rate.

What is key here is the amount each institution is assessed is based upon statutory factors that include the balance of insured deposits as well as the degree of risk the institution poses to the insurance fund. Community banks do not pose a risk to the solvency of the Deposit Insurance Fund and its Designated Reserve Ratio and were not a party to the activities that led to such a low DIF ratio to the best of my knowledge.

The FDIC has a \$30 billion line of credit with the Treasury Department to meet its obligations. I am not opposed to the FDIC tapping that source. Our nation is in a severe economic crisis, and the FDIC plays a pivotal role in the financial system. We need to provide Chairman Bair and the Board with as much support as possible while simultaneously avoiding imposing unnecessary and unwarranted special assessments on financial institutions that had nothing to do with the current economic crisis or the condition of the overall banking industry.

The FDIC’s Deposit Insurance Fund currently has \$19 billion available, \$20 (you indicate \$22B earlier) billion set-aside for estimated losses on failures anticipated in 2009, and a \$30 billion line of credit with the Department of Treasury, bringing the total “available” to \$69 billion.

Legislation that recently passed the House and is being considered in the Senate included a \$70 billion increase in the FDIC’s line of credit at Treasury to \$100 billion, more than three-fold, and was intentionally capped at \$100 billion during a markup, bringing the total dollar amount available for the Deposit Insurance Fund to \$139 (\$141?) billion, provided the legislation passes and is signed by the President.

Although very pleased to learn that Chairman Bair would cut the emergency special assessment in half, to 10 basis points, provided Congress increases the FDIC’s borrowing authority to \$100 billion, a quid pro quo, I remain